

The Peel Outdoor No Smoking or Vaping By-law - Questions & Answers for Website

Q. What is the Peel Outdoor No Smoking or Vaping By-law?

The *Peel Outdoor No Smoking or Vaping By-law* (the “by-law”) is a policy that protects and promotes the health of all visitors and residents in Peel by:

- Protecting everyone from second-hand tobacco and cannabis smoke
- Protecting everyone from second-hand aerosol from vaping products
- Making smoking and vaping less visible and acceptable, which will:
 - Support people who are trying to quit smoking and/or vaping
 - Prevent young people from starting to smoke or vape

Q. Why are we implementing the by-law?

We heard you. Peel residents have shown strong support for smoking bans in public places.

- 73% of Peel residents support smoking bans in public beaches
- 85% of Peel residents support smoking bans in doorways to workplaces
- 87% of Peel residents support smoking bans in doorways to public places
- 88% of Peel residents support smoking bans in public playgrounds

Business owners in Peel also support smoking bans. From the businesses surveyed in 2018, 86% supported a smoking ban in public places.

Q. What products are banned by the by-law?

The by-law bans the smoking of:

- Tobacco (e.g. cigarettes, cigars, waterpipes, etc.)
- Recreational and medical cannabis (e.g. joints, blunts, pipes, etc.).
- Herbal material (i.e. shisha)

The by-law also bans vaping of any substance, including nicotine, recreational or medical cannabis and flavours. This includes, but is not limited to, e-cigarettes and heat-not-burn products.

The by-law does **not** ban traditional/sacred tobacco used by Indigenous communities.

Q. Where is smoking and vaping banned?

The by-law bans smoking or vaping on the property of:

- Outdoor Public Places, such as parks, swimming pools, trails or paths, and sports fields;
- Outdoor Municipal Properties, such as libraries, museums, municipal offices and transit facilities; and
- Outdoor Construction Sites.

The by-law also bans smoking or vaping within nine-meters of any:

- Indoor Public Place, such as medical centres, shopping malls and restaurants; and
- Indoor Workplaces, such as office buildings.

Q. Can I smoke and vape on streets, highways and sidewalks?

You can smoke and/or vape on highways and sidewalks most of the time. You cannot smoke or vape on the highway or sidewalk if it is closed for a special event.

Q. When was the by-law implemented?

The by-law was passed in the Fall of 2019 by Regional Council and all three Municipalities.

Q. Why does the by-law ban medical cannabis?

The by-law only bans the smoking and vaping of medical cannabis. You can consume medical cannabis in other forms (e.g. ingestion, sublingual, topical, etc.).

Q. How can I make a complaint?

To make a **complaint**, report a concern or ask a question call **905-799-7700**.

You can also call **311** to reach your municipality to make a complaint.

Q. Will the by-law increase cigarette butt litter?

No. Smoke-free and vape-free spaces by-laws reduce cigarette and e-cigarette waste in public places in the long-term.

Q. Where can I purchase or download signs for my business?

You can purchase metal or decal signs by calling the Region at 905-799-7700. Coming soon - Downloadable signs will be available on the website free of charge.

Q. What type of support is available if I want to quit or reduce my smoking?

Free resources are available to help support you in quitting or reducing your smoking. You can visit the [Region of Peel website on Tobacco and Smoking](#) or contact the Smokers Helpline through their [website](#) or by texting iQuit to 123456. You can also call Telehealth Ontario by calling toll-free 1-866-797-0000.